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SUBJECT: SOVIET PROTEST OVER SMIRNOV BREAK-IN

REF: USUN 0236

1. DEPUTY CHIEF USA DIVISION MFA KOMPLIKTOV SUMMONED POL COUNSELOR AFTER COB JANUARY 25 AND PRESENTED ORAL STATEMENT PROTESTING BREAK-IN AT APARTMENT OF SMUN COUNSELOR SMIRNOV IN NEW YORK. EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF STATEMENT, WHICH DIFFERS IN SOME SMALL PARTICULAR FROM NOTE TRANSMITTED REFTEL, FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

ON JANUARY 21, 1974, AT 7:30 P.M., TWO UNKNOWN PERSONS ENTERED THE APARTMENT OF COUNSELOR OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE USSR AT THE UN IN NEWYORK G.A. SMIRNOV AT 353 EAST 38RD STREET, OPENING THE ENTRANCE DOOR WHICH HAD BEEN LOCKED BY KEY. IN THE APARTMENT AT THIS TIME WAS ONLY SMIRNOV'S TWELVE-YEAR-OLD SON ALEKSANDRM SEIZING THE BOY, THE INTRUDERS BEGAN TO ASK HIM WHERE WERE HIS PARENTS AND WHEN WOULD THEY BE HOME. THEY TWISTED HIS ARM AND THREATENED HIM WITH A KNIFE. THE UNKNOWN PERSONS SEARCHED A CABINET  
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FLOOR. AFTER A CERTAIN TIME THEY DEPARTED, TAKING NOTHING WITH THEM.

ACCORDING TO A MEDICAL EXAMINATION, SMIRNOV'S SON AS A RESULT OF THIS CRUDE INTRUSION AND THE APPLICATION OF PHYSICAL FORCE WAS FOUND TO BE IN A STATE OF NERVOUS SHOCK; IN ADDITION, HIS RIGHT SHOULDER WAS DISLOCATED AND HE HAD A KNIFE WOUND IN HIS RIGHT HAND.

IN PROTESTING THE FORCIBLE ENTRY INTO THE APARTMENT OF THE SOVIET DIPLOMAT G.A. SMIRNOV AND THE APPLICATION OF PHYSICAL FORCE TO HIS SON, THE MINISTRY INSISTS UPON A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF THESE CRIMINAL ACTS, WHICH REPRESENT A CRUDE VIOLATION OF DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY, INVIOABILITY OF THE RESIDENCE AND PERSONS OF FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES AND MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES, AND DEMANDS STRICT PUNISHMENT OF THE GUILTY PARTIES. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE COMPETENT AMERICAN AUTHORITIES WILL TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES FOR ENSURING THE SECURITY OF EMPLOYEES OF SOVIET INSTITUTIONS AND MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES IN THE USA, AND ALSO FOR ENSURING THE INVIOABILITY OF THEIR RESIDENCES.

3. POL COUNSELOR EXPRESSED REGRET ABOUT THE CRIME, NOTING REGRETS HAD ALSO BEEN EXTENDED IN NEW YORK, AND UNDERTOOK TO TRANSMIT THE SOVIET STATEMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT. HE ADDED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION IS UNDERWAY.  
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